President: The increase was due to the number convicted under the rioting cases who are in jail.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

XXVII. STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 90,000 under Demand XXVII—Stationery and Printing. The necessity for bringing forward this request for a supplementary grant arises on account of the acute situation created by the war. The war has raised the prices of articles of foreign manufacture by about 300 per cent. The Gazette paper which once cost one anna now costs 3 annas or three times the original price. Government are exercising the utmost economy in the expenditure of stationery. Where half sheets were liberally used for typing, quarter sheets are now used and typing is done on both sides of such sheets. Even then it has to be feared that the stock of paper may get completely exhausted. Local mills are found to be quite inadequate to supply the needs of various Governments. This amount asked for is expected to cover the additional purchase to be made.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: May I know whether the used papers are again used for making fresh paper ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: Yes. That is the manufacturing process. As old glass in glass manufacture, old paper acts as a flux in manufacturing new paper.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state whether such used papers are preserved and not destroyed?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: There is a contract in existence now between the Punalur Paper Mills and the Government for the disposal of these used papers. Now I think we get a higher rate for them.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe (*Parur Kunnatnd and Muvttupuzha cum Devicolam*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ എതിർത്തുകൊണ്ട് ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ സംഗതികൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തുള്ള ഗവണ്മെൻറാഫീസുകൾക്കു വേണ്ടതായ സ്റ്റേഷനറി സാമാനങ്ങൾ ഓരോ ആഫീസുകളിലുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതും പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകം ആളുകൾ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുവന്നു കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതും വളരെ ചില വ്യത്യസ്ഥനയങ്ങൾ സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

ഓരോ ആഫീസുകളിൽനിന്നും വരുന്നവർക്ക് പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകം സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി കൊടുക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

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ഒരോ ആഫീസുകളിൽനിന്നും പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകം പലതവണകളായി ആളുകളെ അയയ്ക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് സാമാനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനുള്ള ചെലവു വളരെ വർദ്ധിക്കുന്നു.

അതുകൊണ്ട് ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തുള്ള വിവിധ ആഫീസുകളിലേക്കു വേണ്ട സാമാനങ്ങൾ പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകം കെട്ടുകളിലാക്കി ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ലോറികളിലോ മറ്റു ലോറികളിലോ കയറ്റി ഓരോ സ്ഥലത്തുള്ള പ്രധാന ആഫീസുകളിൽ ഏല്പിക്കയും അവിടത്തെ പ്രധാന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്റെ ചുമതലയിൽ മറ്റാഫീസുകൾക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിന് ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നതു നന്നായിരിക്കും.

ഇന്നു സ്റ്റേഷനറി സാമാനങ്ങളുടെ വിലയെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു കൂട്ടൽ സംഖ്യ ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട ചാർജ്ജായി ചിലവാകുന്നുണ്ട്.

യുദ്ധംമൂലം സാമാനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ വില കൂടിയിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ ഘട്ടത്തിൽ ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ചാർജ്ജുകിലും കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള രീതി സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

President: Before putting the motion to vote there are two things which I wish to place before this honourable House. The first thing is that it is essential, not only in regard to the present situation but in regard to the situation that will likely arise in the immediate future, that the utmost economy must be observed in the use of stationery by the public at large and especially by the Government departments. Nothing should be written unnecessarily and all officers should see that an office note should not exceed 2 or 3 pages. More noting means absence of careful thinking. It too often happens in office that the last note is a summary and a transcription as a kind of verbose repetition of the previous notes. Care should be taken to avoid unnecessaay correspondence. So much with regard to the internal reform.

I am now appealing to the people at large to see to it that a very lively cottage industry of paper making is stimulated and kept alive in the State. Other States and provinces have done very fine work in this respect. Behar is doing very well and our sister State, Hyderabad, started paper making as a cottage industry in such a scale that the paper made is excellent and it was not long ago that I received a letter from my friend Sir Akbar Hydari who proudly pointed out to the fact that the paper on which he wrote to me was made in his State. If such paper is made in this State also it will give occupation to a great number of the people. And I may assure the public through this honourable House that if fairly good paper is produced in the State no other paper will

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[President.]

be purchased by the Government. I hope that the mills that are in existence would also contemplate an extension of the production of paper. It is an appeal I am making to the people of the State.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE KEROSENE (EXCISE DUTY) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move Sir, that the Travancore Kerosene Excise Duty Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration. In making this motion, I may be permitted to say that the purport of the Bill is to authorise Government to levy an Excise Duty on the kerosene manufactured in the State. Though kerosene in its natural state is not available in Travancore it is being manufactured from oils of inferior quality like the diesel oil. The advantage of making kerosene from this oil consists in the fact that the inferior oil pays a smaller duty than kerosene oil. A similar attempt was made in British India and they took steps to impose a duty on kerosene manufactured there. Now it is seen that those who were prevented from making this profit in British India have entered into arrangements with the people in Travancore to start similar ventures. So Government have brought forward this Bill with the object that it may enable them to levy excise duty on such manufactured kerosene so as to prevent under-selling and thus making a profit at the expense of the State.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether there is at present any such factory in the State?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Yes. Not one but a great many.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: What will be the approximate number?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: About 20 or 25.

So I move that the Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I second it.

Mr. Kochickal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli Kartikappalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Sir, the Bill has got a tendency to kill an infant industry of the State. This honourable House seems to be helpless in this matter. I am told also that this measure also was brought forward due to the pressure put upon this Government by the British Government.

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